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                 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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                              121 North LaSalle Street
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                              Chicago, Illinois
                              Tuesday, July 18, 2017
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    PRESENT:
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   Mr. David L. Reifman, Chairman
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   Ms. Carole L. Brown
    Ms. Samantha Fields
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    Alderman Proco Joe Moreno
    Alderman Carrie Austin
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   Mr. Rafael M. Leon
   Ms. Aarti Kotak
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    Mr. Scott Fehlan
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   Mr. Mitch Holzrichter
   Mr. Arthur Li
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   Mr. Tony Q. Smith
   Mr. Thomas Mitchell
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    Ms. Jennifer Perkins
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   REPORTED BY:
    Donna M. Urlaub, CSR, RPR, RMR, CRR
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1 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Good morning, everybody.

- 2 MS. BROWN: Carole Brown, CFO.
- 3 MS. FIELDS: Samantha Fields, Budget Director.
- 4 ALDERMAN MORENO: Joe Moreno, 1st Ward
- 5 Alderman.
- 6 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: David Reifman, DPD.
- 7 MR. LEON: Rafael Leon, Chairman of the
- 8 Advisory Board.
- 9 MR. LI: Arthur Li, OBM.
- 10 MR. FEHLAN: Scott Fehlan, City Law
- 11 Department.
- MR. HOLZRICHTER: Mitch Holzrichter, outside
- 13 counsel with Mayer Brown.
- 14 MR. MITCHELL: Thomas Mitchell with S.B.
- 15 Friedman.
- 16 MR. SMITH: Tony Smith with S.B. Friedman.
- 17 MS. KOTAK: Aarti Kotak, DPD.
- 18 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: What firm are you at?
- MR. HOLZRICHTER: Mayer Brown.
- 20 MR. SMITH: Would you like to formally open
- 21 the meeting, Chair?
- 22 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I'd like to call the
- 23 meeting to order. We have the introductions.
- I'd like to ask -- we can't do any

- 1 of that, so -- we can't do any actual action, so
- 2 we're going to move --
- 3 MR. SMITH: We can. We can do everything
- 4 except for changing the bylaws.
- 5 MS. KOTAK: So we can do everything but that.
- 6 (Alderman Austin enters.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Chairman Austin. We might
- 8 have a quorum.
- 9 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I made it.
- 10 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I'd like to take a matter
- 11 out of the order of business so that we can at
- 12 least get this done, and I'd like to ask Tony --
- 13 I'd like to take Item VII, correct? And Item VIII,
- 14 is that what we want to do?
- MR. SMITH: Let's see. Yes, VII and VIII are
- 16 the two.
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Okay. So, Tony, please
- 18 explain Items VII and VIII, and then we'll go back
- 19 to the regular order of business.
- 20 MR. SMITH: Absolutely.
- 21 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: How are you, Chairman?
- MS. AUSTIN: Oh, I'm blessed and always
- 23 grateful.
- MR. SMITH: So just for a tad of background,

- 1 CDF, Chicago Building Fund, was created back in
- 2 2005 as a separate corporation from the City of
- 3 Chicago, but controlled by the City, because that's
- 4 required for New Markets Tax Credit purposes.
- 5 But the City adopted the initial
- 6 Articles of Incorporation and bylaws in that
- 7 process, and changes to the articles and bylaws
- 8 require City Council approval, as well as a super
- 9 quorum of this Board.
- 10 So the initial council-approved
- 11 structure is a seven-member Governing Board. And
- 12 so it's just become impractical to routinely get a
- 13 quorum and be kind of nimble enough to operate.
- 14 And so a key change is to adjust the
- 15 Board to expand to nine members. And so I'll go
- 16 through that in a bit more detail.
- But there's a parallel process in
- 18 City Council. So on July 26th there will be an
- 19 introduction of an ordinance that authorizes the
- 20 same changes to the articles and bylaws.
- I guess -- Aarti, any comments on
- 22 that?
- MS. KOTAK: No.
- 24 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Are we also going to seek

- 1 to name two additional members for that
- 2 introduction as well?
- 3 MR. SMITH: One of them is just automatically
- 4 ex officio added. And that's the chair of the
- 5 Advisory Board, who is Rafael Leon. And the other
- 6 is an appointee of the DPD Commissioner. So it
- 7 wouldn't be City Council doing that, it would be
- 8 you making the appointment subsequently.
- 9 MS. KOTAK: And the expectation is that is
- 10 one of the other officers of CDF. So that's either
- 11 the vice president and treasurer, which is the role
- 12 that I have, or the assistant treasurer, which is
- 13 right now the role that -- it's the role Tracy
- 14 Sanchez used to be, and that now Bryan Esenberg is.
- 15 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: So you're taking it out of
- 16 the Council's hands and putting it in yours?
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: No, we're making -- well,
- 18 one position, it sounds like, but we're trying to
- 19 do it from someone who is within the structure of
- 20 the CDF, although I don't -- I think it's okay, but
- 21 I don't feel strongly, Chairman, if you'd like the
- 22 whole thing to be part of the City Council approval.
- 23 So the one position is actually just
- 24 another ex officio position, which is the Chair of

- 1 the Advisory Board, whoever that person is. I'm
- 2 ex officio only in this position. So whoever is
- 3 Commissioner of Planning is the --
- 4 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Okay. You can leave it.
- 5 MR. SMITH: And then there's a few other kind
- 6 of minor cleanups, since the documents haven't been
- 7 adjusted since 2005.
- 8 So there's references, for example,
- 9 to CDF having a physical corporate seal, which
- 10 hasn't been necessary for any of the financings,
- 11 and so we're removing those references, updating
- 12 the definition of quorum to be five out of nine
- 13 instead of four out of seven.
- I guess -- Mitch from Mayer Brown
- 15 also worked on the drafting. Anything you think is
- 16 noteworthy?
- 17 MR. HOLZRICHTER: No. As noted up there,
- 18 since there's questions, there's a provision right
- 19 now about disclosing real estate holdings. But CDF
- 20 does not actually engage in direct real estate
- 21 transactions, and all of the City officials
- 22 employees are separately filling out their economic
- 23 disclosure statements anyway. So we're instead
- 24 relying on that process, we're making that

- 1 conforming change, and just updating when the
- 2 annual meeting will be. It doesn't always occur at
- 3 the same time and place every year, so some of
- 4 those changes were updated to reflect the practice
- 5 over the past ten years.
- 6 But otherwise, as Tony said, the
- 7 main change is the size of the Board and the quorum.
- 8 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: This goes to what
- 9 committee?
- 10 MS. KOTAK: It's Finance is our understanding.
- 11 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Any questions of any of
- 12 the Board members?
- 13 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Yes. If it's going to
- 14 Finance, I think Chairman Burke needs to be briefed
- 15 because a lot of times he asks questions that could
- 16 have been answered here for him. So if someone can
- 17 brief him beforehand, then he'll have a better
- 18 understanding.
- 19 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Before Finance Committee?
- 20 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Right.
- 21 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Okay. If you could give
- 22 me a note, I'll be sure to do that. He's also a
- 23 member of the Board of CDF.
- 24 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Right.

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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: He hasn't been here for a
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  while. I'll be sure to do that myself.
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                   This is just Item VII, Tony?
         MR. SMITH: Yes.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Can I get a motion?
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         ALDERMAN MORENO: So move.
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         MS. BROWN: Second.
         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Alderman Moreno,
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   seconded by Carole Brown.
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                   Do we need a roll call vote?
         MR. HOLZRICHTER: Yeah, a voice vote is okay
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: All in favor?
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                   The motion passes.
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         MR. SMITH: All right. So Item VIII is
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   also -- is the other one that requires a five-
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   member vote.
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   bylaws, and this is a much more subtle compliance
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- 1 So Chicago Development Fund is
- 2 required to maintain accountability to low income
- 3 communities through the composition of its Advisory
- 4 Board. And currently the Advisory Board bylaws
- 5 state that when a member wants to leave the
- 6 Advisory Board, their departure is only effective
- 7 when a replacement is named.
- 8 And so, in theory, and, actually, in
- 9 practice, in 2016 we had two Advisory Board members
- 10 depart with fairly limited notice; one moved to
- 11 Iowa, and one took a job with the City and
- 12 therefore couldn't be low income community
- 13 accountable.
- But under the current Advisory Board
- 15 structure, they weren't actually off the Advisory
- 16 Board until replacements got named, which took
- 17 until June of 2017.
- 18 So the reason that's a slight risk
- 19 for CDF is that CDF needs to maintain at least
- 20 20 percent low income community accountability at
- 21 all times. And so if there was an ability to
- 22 accept an Advisory Board member's resignation when
- 23 they want to leave, rather than having to wait till
- 24 a replacement happens, the numerator and the

- 1 denominator of that accountability equation can be
- 2 better.
- 3 So, for example, CDF would have
- 4 been five out of seven accountable in 2016, or
- 5 71 percent, but instead it was five out of nine.
- 6 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: So 20 percent
- 7 accountability means that 20 percent of Board
- 8 members live in low income accountability areas?
- 9 MR. SMITH: That's one of the paths. They
- 10 could also work for an organization that's not in
- 11 the City. So Rafael, for example, works for CMHDC,
- 12 which counts as a low income community accountable
- 13 organization.
- 14 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: And for the City.
- 15 MR. SMITH: If you work for the City, you
- 16 can't be accountable because that's the controlling
- 17 entity of CDF.
- 18 So Bernita Johnson-Gabriel actually
- 19 left the Quad Communities Development Corp. to
- 20 go to the City, and became nonaccountable
- 21 instantaneously as a result of that.
- 22 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: These are all outside
- 23 Advisory Board members --
- MR. SMITH: Yes.

Page 11 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: -- they're not any of us 1 here who are on the Governing Board. 3 MR. SMITH: That's right. CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I see. 4 MR. SMITH: And so the proposed change, one, 5 is to make a quorum of the Advisory Board be a 6 7 majority of the then sitting members rather than always being five. So that would be --8 temporarily, if it's only seven members, a quorum 9 10 would be four. 11 And then the other would be creating 12 more flexibility such that the Advisory Board 13 member's term ends upon either removal, resignation, and having that resignation accepted 14 15 by the Chair of the Advisory Board, or replacement, 16 rather than just replacement. 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Rafael is the Chairman of 18 the Advisory Board. 19 MR. SMITH: Right. 20 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Any questions of any of the members? 21 22 (No response.) Can I get a motion? 23 24 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Move to pass.

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          MS. BROWN: Second.
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          CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Chairman Austin
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    order of business now, and go through our agenda.
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   of minutes of the February 22nd, 2017 meeting.
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          ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Move to pass.
          CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Second?
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         MS. FIELDS: Second.
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          CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Chairman Austin,
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    approved by Budget Director Fields.
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                   All in favor?
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Page 13 1 Ayes have it. 2. Now consideration of Esperanza 3 Health Care Center project. Tony Smith. 4 5 MR. SMITH: Thanks. 6 So this is a proposed project at the 7 corner of 47th and California in the Brighton Park neighborhood on the Southwest Side. 8 9 Brighton Park has experienced a lot 10 of demographic change over the last 20 years, a 11 population increase, large increase in the Hispanic 12 population. And the services and amenities in the 13 neighborhood have not kept up with that change. 14 So the partners, the lead sponsor is 15 Esperanza Health Centers, which is a not-for-profit federally qualified health center primary care 16 17 provider that's headquartered in Little Village, and has three locations, the flagship location at 18 19 2001 South California. 20 Esperanza really was the spearhead of this project because they noticed that half of 21 22 their patient base was coming from south of the 23 Stevenson Expressway, and that they were rapidly 24 running out of capacity.

Page 14 And so this would be a new facility, 1 net new expansion for Esperanza that would be 2 3 meeting the patient base where they are, and addressing service gaps in the Brighton Park 4 5 neighborhood. 6 And then smaller partners include 7 Sinai Health System, which is a safety net hospital on the Southwest Side at Ogden and California, and 8 then Mujeres Latinas en Accion, which is a social 9 10 service organization dating back to 1973 that provides a range of services for the Latino 11 12 community. 13 The project location, as I 14 mentioned, southwest corner of 47th and California, 15 so a former industrial site. The western portion 16 of this site was separately acquired by Noble 17 Network of Charter Schools about a year ago, and is 18 under construction as a new high school campus. 19 Unrelated project to this, but happening adjacent 20 to it. 21 And then Esperanza Health Centers 22 purchased this site right at the hard corner of 47th and California several months ago for the new 23

clinic facility.

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Page 15 1 So the project itself is a 2. comprehensive medical home concept. So providing 3 wellness and primary care and specialty care and diagnostics all on one site. 4 5 This is really kind of representing 6 the cutting edge in health care, where you're 7 trying to reduce barriers and friction. So, for example, Esperanza has a lot of issues with making 8 referrals for its patients to go to specialty or 9 10 diagnostic services off site, a lot of difficulty 11 getting to those locations, confusion about cost 12 and payment for services, and so they're finding 13 referrals are being dropped. 14 So having an all-in-one location 15 would mean that there could be shared scheduling, 16 there could be pleasant kind of waiting space 17 that's shared, so more likely that patients will 18 kind of follow through with the recommended 19 treatment program. 20 And then also an ability to 21 incorporate wellness concepts as well, a 22 nutritional kitchen, teaching folks how to cook 23 healthy food, an on-site community garden that

raises awareness and availability of fresh produce,

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- 1 things like that.
- 2 So three-story project. 49,500
- 3 total square feet of building area, including
- 4 smaller tenant spaces for Mujeres Latinas, and a
- 5 third-party pharmacy operator.
- In terms of the community impact, so
- 7 a whole range of different types of impacts, but
- 8 kind of the headline being primary care services
- 9 will be newly added for 21,500 individual patients.
- 10 So, on average, visiting a little over three times
- 11 a year, so about 70,000 patient encounters a year
- 12 are projected.
- 13 And then Sinai will further
- 14 complement that with twelve specialty care exam
- 15 rooms offering cardiology, radiology, orthopedics,
- 16 dermatology.
- 17 In terms of job creation, so 119 FTE
- 18 positions are projected for the site. 88 of those
- 19 will be newly created primarily by Esperanza, but
- 20 to a lesser extent by Sinai. And 100 percent of
- 21 the full-time employees on site would be benefits
- 22 eligible.
- 23 Transaction details. So fairly
- 24 large project. \$27.6 million total budget,

- 1 \$17 million of hard costs.
- 2 And so the proposed financing
- 3 structure includes up to \$12 million of allocation
- 4 from Chicago Development Funds, which, rough rule
- 5 of thumb, would result in about 3 to 3 1/2 million
- 6 of actual subsidy to the project based on how the
- 7 New Markets formula works. And then also
- 8 allocation from a group called Raza Development
- 9 Fund, which is a not-for-profit community
- 10 development lender based in Phoenix that focuses
- 11 on Latinos serving projects around the country,
- 12 particularly affiliates of the National Council of
- 13 La Raza, which Esperanza and Mujeres Latinas are
- 14 NCLR affiliates.
- 15 And then PNC Bank would serve as
- 16 the tax credit investor, as well as providing
- 17 \$2 million of its own tax credit allocation, so
- 18 \$24 million of total tax credit allocation, of
- 19 which half would be coming from CDF, the remainder
- 20 being leveraged from non Chicago-based entities.
- In addition to that, there
- 22 would be a loan from PNC to Esperanza for about
- 23 \$7.7 million, and then Raza is in discussions with
- 24 Mount Sinai Hospital about a \$7.4 million loan to

- 1 account for Sinai's share of the non New Markets
- 2 capital.
- 3 That loan is a difficult underwrite,
- 4 and so there's a lot of discussions about whether
- 5 Raza can actually make that loan, and if not, what
- 6 is the replacement source. So that's a little bit
- 7 in flux.
- 8 But this is the capital stack as we
- 9 understand it today.
- 10 MS. BROWN: Does the project not go forward
- 11 if that loan is not secured?
- MR. SMITH: That amount of capital is needed,
- 13 so it may not come from Raza or it may come from
- 14 Raza plus another lender, or Sinai may have to put
- 15 more cash in or --
- MS. BROWN: But you're comfortable proceeding
- 17 and having approval knowing that 7.3 of the capital
- 18 needed isn't secure.
- MR. SMITH: Well, certainly closing would not
- 20 happen unless and until that capital is on the
- 21 table, and New Markets closings are fully funded,
- 22 so yeah.
- 23 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: So Carole's point, does
- 24 this assist in -- by our approval, does it assist

- 1 Raza to take the next step by seeing that there is
- 2 already the secured source of funding?
- 3 MR. SMITH: It certainly solidifies the deal.
- 4 Raza is underwriting Mt. Sinai Hospital to some
- 5 extent in isolation, but also thinking about the
- 6 broader transaction. So, yeah, having one more
- 7 piece of the transaction cooked, if you will, could
- 8 be at least neutral, but possibly positive.
- 9 MR. LEON: Could I make a comment here?
- 10 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Please.
- 11 MR. LEON: Are you approving Raza
- 12 specifically, or are you saying Raza or a specific
- 13 financing entity?
- MR. SMITH: We would suggest that the
- 15 allocation be available to the project whether or
- 16 not it's Raza specifically making that loan.
- 17 Because as long as there's \$7.4 million of capital
- 18 at the table at closing, the deal works.
- 19 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Now, you said PNC is out of
- 20 Phoenix.
- 21 MR. SMITH: Raza Development Fund is out of
- 22 Phoenix.
- 23 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: But why did you say that it
- 24 was specifically for Hispanics?

- 1 MR. SMITH: Raza Development Fund's
- 2 organizational mission is that they focus on
- 3 projects that have a Latino impact around the
- 4 country. So I was trying to explain sort of their
- 5 motivation to be involved in this project.
- 6 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Okay, that part is good,
- 7 but Mr. Sinai is not -- or Sinai is not -- it's all
- 8 welcome, it's not just specifically for.
- 9 MR. SMITH: Oh, correct. I mean, the entire
- 10 project is open to everybody. It's just that
- 11 National Council of La Raza, which is affiliated
- 12 with Raza Development Fund, also is affiliated with
- 13 Esperanza and with Mujeres Latinas. There's kind
- 14 of an organizational linkage there too.
- 15 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: That's good to know about
- 16 PNC, because Hispanics are pretty much all over our
- 17 city, and we've incorporated quite a bit in
- 18 Roseland Hospital.
- The reason why I'm asking, because
- 20 they're on the end of the 9th Ward, where it's a
- 21 large population, and they really had nowhere to
- 22 really go. So we're incorporating that in
- 23 Roseland. So it's like we need to expand now
- 24 because of that. So that's the reason why I was

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1 asking about PNC.
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         MR. SMITH: Got it.
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     ALDERMAN AUSTIN: All right. Thank you.
        CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Any other questions?
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        ALDERMAN MORENO: So move.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Alderman Moreno.
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        MS. FIELDS: Second.
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     ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Who?
    CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Chairman Moreno, remember
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13 him?
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    ALDERMAN MORENO: Your colleague?
    ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I didn't even see you,
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   Darling. I'm sorry.
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    ALDERMAN MORENO: You're on a roll, so I
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   didn't want to interrupt you, Alderman.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Chairman Moreno,
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                 All in favor?
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                 Any opposed?
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- 1 Ayes have it.
- 2 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: That's a good project.
- 3 That's a real good project.
- 4 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: The consideration of
- 5 Lawndale Christian Health Center project.
- 6 MR. SMITH: So this is actually three
- 7 projects in one. So three different buildings on a
- 8 stretch of Ogden Avenue. It's about a half mile
- 9 long, from 3555 West Ogden on the east end to
- 10 3910 on the west end.
- 11 So it includes a new urgent care
- 12 facility. Lawndale Christian Health Center is a
- 13 not-for-profit primary care provider that provides
- 14 traditional health clinics today, but they want to
- 15 experiment with a new model that would have
- 16 extended business hours.
- 17 The real goal is here being keeping
- 18 patients out of the ER and further lowering the
- 19 barriers to services.
- The ER is the most expensive place,
- 21 and often not really the best place to get many
- 22 different types of care.
- 23 And then also adding an adult and
- 24 senior day services facility. So a significant

- 1 population in Lawndale has elderly relatives that
- 2 require intensive care during the daytime. This
- 3 would be a location to drop them off, which really
- 4 enhances the family's ability to, number one, be
- 5 sure that their relative is getting the best
- 6 possible care, but, number two, also being freed up
- 7 to work more traditional hours and creating an
- 8 economic benefit for the family.
- 9 And then, finally, an urban
- 10 greenhouse, which would be operated by Windy City
- 11 Harvest. So this would incorporate aquaponics,
- 12 which is a cutting edge technology involving, if
- 13 you're familiar with it, with fish and greens
- 14 essentially growing symbiotically. Fish waste is
- 15 fertilizer for the greens, the greens I think
- 16 filter the water to keep it clean for the fish.
- 17 So it would be creating -- growing produce in the
- 18 neighborhood, and also creating a retail presence,
- 19 a small storefront on Ogden Avenue to sell it.
- 20 So more background on Lawndale
- 21 Christian Health Center. So they currently operate
- 22 six sites on the West Side, including a small
- 23 clinic at Breakthrough Urban Ministries FamilyPlex,
- 24 which CDF helped finance back in 2013, in East

- 1 Garfield Park. Their flagship location is right in
- 2 the middle of this corridor on Ogden Avenue that
- 3 was constructed back in 2011.
- 4 So here's a map better illustrating
- 5 the locations of the three facilities. So, again,
- 6 scattered along Ogden, essentially between Central
- 7 Park and almost all the way down to Pulaski.
- 8 So the three project components,
- 9 drilling down a bit further, one is renovations
- 10 to an existing 32,000 square foot building that's
- 11 occupied by Illinois Department of Human Services.
- 12 This would be carving out 6,000 square feet and
- 13 modernizing and renovating it for that urgent care
- 14 facility I mentioned, and then reskinning the
- 15 building to improve its presence along the Ogden
- 16 Avenue commercial streetwall.
- 17 The next piece would be the
- 18 renovation and expansion of a 12,300 square foot
- 19 building to make it appropriate for the adult and
- 20 senior day services, and again reskinning it to
- 21 better address the street frontage.
- That would be occupied and operated
- 23 by Lawndale Christian Health Center itself.
- 24 And then the Urban Greenhouse is a

- 1 10,000 square foot existing building that would be
- 2 renovated, and then an addition of a 7,000 square
- 3 foot greenhouse would be bolted onto that.
- 4 And then it would be operated by and
- 5 subleased to Windy City Harvest, which is an
- 6 affiliate of Chicago Botanical Gardens.
- 7 I will skim through the impact
- 8 because I know we have a very packed agenda here,
- 9 and just jump to transaction details.
- 10 So CDF's proposed allocation would
- 11 be \$6 million out of a broader \$13 1/2 million
- 12 total New Markets financing.
- 13 So the additional allocation which
- 14 has already been committed would be from Chicago
- 15 Neighborhood Initiatives, as well as from JPMorgan
- 16 Chase. So \$6 million from CNI, 1.5 million from
- 17 Chase. And then the range of other capital sources
- 18 involved, so a million dollar federal grant from
- 19 HRSA, the Health Resources and Services
- 20 Administration, that's already been committed to
- 21 Lawndale Christian, a \$2 million Illinois Capital
- 22 Grant, which continues to be reaffirmed each time
- 23 the State puts out new information on its budget,
- 24 so Lawndale is more or less counting on it, but

- 1 will bridge that grant in the meantime with their
- 2 own resources, and then \$2.1 million from Chicago
- 3 Botanic Gardens, who's in the midst of a capital
- 4 campaign, which is pretty far along, but any
- 5 remaining need would be bridged by Lawndale
- 6 Christian Health Center itself again. And then
- 7 \$5.4 million of capital from Lawndale Christian's
- 8 balance sheet.
- 9 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Can you explain what a
- 10 B note is for me?
- MR. SMITH: Yes. So a B note is essentially
- 12 the new capital that's generated by the tax credit
- 13 investor's contribution to the deal. So a New
- 14 Markets investor is going to put in about \$4.2
- 15 million in exchange for the stream of tax credits
- 16 that CDF and CNI are granting to it.
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Is that the way it
- 18 typically works?
- 19 MR. SMITH: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Because you didn't refer
- 21 to it as a B note in the prior example; that's why
- 22 I'm asking.
- 23 MR. SMITH: Okay. Terminology.
- 24 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: All right. Just wanted to

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                   Any discussion?
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                   Yes, Carole? No?
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          MS. FIELDS: So move.
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         ALDERMAN MORENO: Second.
          CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I have a motion by Budget
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   Director Fields, second by Chairman Moreno.
                   All in favor.
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                   Moving on to the next matter of
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          MR. SMITH: All right. So the next one is
    authorization for CDF to conduct what's known as
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   prefunding.
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                   So a bit of background here. So CDF
    received its last award in November of 2016, a
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    $75 million award.
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    round was opened in May, and then closed in June of
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- 1 this year. So CDF submitted another application to
- 2 Treasury on June 20th for hopefully another
- 3 allocation of credits.
- 4 One of the requirements to keep that
- 5 application valid is that CDF needs to irrevocably
- 6 commit and fund at least 30 percent of that
- 7 allocation, the preexisting allocation, by
- 8 August 18th of this year.
- 9 So closing New Markets transactions,
- 10 as was kind of alluded to in the Esperanza
- 11 discussion, it can't really happen until all the
- 12 other funding sources are in place and flowing,
- 13 until there is a building permit, until there is a
- 14 quaranteed maximum price general contract in place;
- 15 so it's a very rigorous process. And you can't
- 16 necessarily control that timing the way you'd like
- 17 to, as a lender, like Chicago Development Fund.
- 18 So prefunding is a pretty common
- 19 tactic nationally in the industry to manage the
- 20 fact that Treasury wants you to be so far along
- 21 in your deployment, but you don't want to
- 22 irresponsibly push money down to projects before
- 23 it's actually ready to do so.
- 24 So prefunding involves taking cash

- 1 from the New Markets investor, which would be a
- 2 bank such as Chase or PNC, and putting it into a
- 3 lockbox until the underlying transaction is ready
- 4 to close and receive the funding.
- 5 And so the money does not get
- 6 released from that lockbox until the investor and
- 7 CDF mutually agree that the project's ready to
- 8 receive the funding. And CDF, of course, will only
- 9 deploy funds to a project if it's been approved
- 10 previously by this Board.
- In doing so, CDF then irrevocably
- 12 allocates the tax credits for that given amount of
- 13 cash to the investor, and so it's not something
- 14 that can be undone. So it's not something that you
- 15 want to do unless there's a good reason to do it,
- 16 but the reason here being keeping CDF eligible for
- 17 the next application round.
- 18 And CDF has done this same procedure
- 19 on seven previous occasions, so \$57 million of
- 20 total prefunding to date.
- 21 MS. BROWN: So are we talking about
- 22 prefunding the projects we just approved, or
- 23 different projects?
- MR. SMITH: So it would be prefunding with

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  the investors for those two projects.
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         MS. BROWN: For these projects.
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         MR. SMITH: Yes.
        MS. BROWN: So the money would come from PNC
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5 and from Chase?
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         MR. SMITH: Yes.
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                  And that's it.
         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Any further questions on
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9 this matter?
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     ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Motion.
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     MS. BROWN: Second.
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        CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I have a motion by
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   Chairman Austin, second by CFO Brown.
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                  Any discussion?
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                       (No response.)
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                  All in favor?
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                  Any opposed?
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                  Ayes have it.
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                  We're now on to Item IX, correct,
22 Gads Hill?
        MR. SMITH: Yes, Gads Hill.
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         MS. PERKINS: VI.
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Page 31 1 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I'm sorry. Officer elections. 2 3 Mitch. 4 MR. HOLZRICHTER: Sure. The bylaws say that every year, that the CDF will reelect or elect 5 officers. So we have -- the resolution, there's a 6 7 one-page resolution that spells out the officers. So the president is the commissioner. It also 8 reelects Aarti Kotak, managing deputy commissioner, 9 10 as vice president and secretary treasurer, as well 11 as appoints her what's known as the authorized 12 representative. That's a specific role vis-a-vis 13 the U.S. Treasury Department and the CDFI fund. So 14 she would be able to sign documents for the CDFI 15 funds. And then, finally, it contemplates 16 17 that there be additional assistant officers, so 18 other employees within DPD can serve other roles as 19 signatories as approved by the chairman. So this is --20 21 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: They can serve as 22 signatories? 23 MR. HOLZRICHTER: So for like bank accounts,

so they can help close the transactions.

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         ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Other than Aarti, but
   approved by --
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         MR. HOLZRICHTER: Correct.
         MS. KOTAK: And that's the role Tracy Sanchez
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   has been in for the last --
         ALDERMAN AUSTIN: And when is the Board
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   informed?
         MR. HOLZRICHTER: So that's what the purpose
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  of this resolution is to do, is every year we come
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   back to this Board to reaffirm those elections and
11 those appointments.
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         ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Okay.
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  CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Any questions, concerns?
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         ALDERMAN MORENO: So move.
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    MS. FIELDS: Second.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Okay. Moved by Chairman
   Moreno, seconded by Budget Director Fields.
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                  Any discussion?
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                  Now on to Item IX, Gads Hill.
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- 1 MR. SMITH: So this is an early childhood
- 2 education project, also located in the Brighton
- 3 Park neighborhood, also addressing some of those
- 4 extreme service gaps that I touched on earlier in
- 5 the health care arena.
- 6 Brighton Park is also the biggest
- 7 service gap neighborhood in the city for quality
- 8 childcare.
- 9 So the project's at 4255 South
- 10 Archer. And it's a renovation of an existing
- 11 commercial building into a facility for Gads Hill,
- 12 which is a not-for-profit provider of early
- 13 childhood services and family services, founded all
- 14 the way back in 1889 in Pilsen as Gads Hill Social
- 15 Settlement. And they currently operate four sites
- 16 on the West and Southwest Side.
- 17 So project location, as I mentioned,
- 18 4255 South Archer, so it's in the middle of a
- 19 commercial corridor. And Gads Hill has been
- 20 working closely with DPD to make sure that the
- 21 storefront for the childcare facility like
- 22 complements the streetwall and kind of the vitality
- 23 of the stretch of Archer.
- It's an 18,000 square foot building,

- 1 two-story building. And, let's see. The architect
- 2 is JGMA, which is actually the same architect as
- 3 for the Esperanza Health Care Center. And The
- 4 Resurrection Project is serving as the project
- 5 manager, key developer for the site.
- 6 So the facility key components are a
- 7 total of seven classrooms; so two for infants, two
- 8 for toddlers, and three for 3- to 5-year-olds, as
- 9 well as state-of-the-art gross motor skill
- 10 development areas, outdoor play space, and then
- 11 some administrative support space for Gads Hill on
- 12 the second floor, and a bit of room for expansion
- 13 also on the second floor for Gads Hill.
- 14 Projected impacts. So 30 new full-
- 15 time childcare slots. And then 120 children will
- 16 be served annually in total, including the part-
- 17 time slots. 100 percent of Gads Hill's clientele
- 18 is low income.
- 19 And Brighton Park has been
- 20 identified by multiple studies, from the State of
- 21 Illinois, from UIC, from IFF, as being the most
- 22 underserved neighborhood in the City for childcare
- 23 in terms of the number of kids that are eligible
- 24 and in need versus the number of available slots.

- 1 The project's also anticipated to
- 2 create 30 new full-time equivalent jobs.
- 3 So in terms of transaction details,
- 4 this would be a smaller transaction than the other
- 5 two. And CDF would be the only provider of tax
- 6 credits. So up to a \$6 million allocation from CDF.
- 7 New Markets investor has not been
- 8 selected yet, but likely to be MB Financial. So
- 9 this would be one of their first New Markets
- 10 investments. They are also the relationship bank
- 11 for Gads Hill, and would be providing something
- 12 like \$1.8 million in debt.
- They've done I think two previous
- 14 New Markets transactions, so they're not completely
- 15 new to it, but there would be likely some learning
- 16 curve working with MB.
- 17 Let's see. Other sources. I
- 18 mentioned the term loan from MB. There are some
- 19 state funds in the project. Those, fortunately,
- 20 have already been received and spent. That's what
- 21 the source of money was for the acquisition and the
- 22 predevelopment. So no uncertainty about the State
- 23 money in this deal.
- About \$340,000 of cash from Gads

- 1 Hill, and then a \$1.25 million capital campaign.
- 2 They have an anchor commitment from the Weinberg
- 3 Foundation out of Baltimore, and they are actively
- 4 in capital campaign mode right now.
- 5 MR. BROWN: And, I'm sorry, you might have
- 6 said this, who is the obligor on the senior debt?
- 7 MR. SMITH: It would be Gads Hill Center
- 8 itself.
- 9 MS. BROWN: Paid back from?
- 10 MR. SMITH: They're going to continue the
- 11 capital campaign, hopefully to exceed the million
- 12 250. And so hopefully if they succeed, they'll pay
- 13 down some of the senior term loan. The remainder
- 14 will be from cash flow, the broader organization
- 15 operating multiple childcare centers.
- 16 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Is that -- MB Financial is
- 17 the senior lender?
- 18 MR. SMITH: I'm sorry?
- 19 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Who is the senior lender?
- 20 MR. SMITH: It would be the same as the New
- 21 Markets, so likely MB Financial, but there are a
- 22 number of other institutions that are proposing on
- 23 it as well.
- MS. BROWN: So they don't have that senior

- 1 debt secured yet.
- 2 MR. SMITH: We've seen term sheets from a
- 3 couple lenders, but they haven't made the formal
- 4 selection yet.
- 5 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I thought maybe they were
- 6 combining the New Market Tax Credits and there
- 7 would be some benefit to them to do the senior term
- 8 loan as well.
- 9 MR. SMITH: It's certainly easier if you --
- 10 if you're lending into a New Markets transaction,
- 11 you can't get a mortgage on the New Markets
- 12 financed facility, so it's better if you're the New
- 13 Markets investor because then, through the tax
- 14 credit structure, you do get the mortgage. So the
- 15 two sides of the institution can kind of cooperate
- 16 and get traditional collateral. So that's part of
- 17 why Gads Hill intends to select the same bank to be
- 18 the lender and the New Markets investor.
- 19 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Okay. Any questions?
- 20 ALDERMAN MORENO: Motion.
- 21 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Second.
- 22 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Motion by Chairman Moreno,
- 23 seconded by Chairman Austin.
- 24 Any questions, discussion?

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                        (No response.)
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                   Okay. That's our voting matters,
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                   So No. X, discussion -- so, Tony,
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    I'm going to ask you to move kind of quickly
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    through the main matters, if you can.
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          MR. SMITH:
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    inventory matter, too. It's just approval of the
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    CDF 2016 annual report, though, so it's a fairly
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    low impact to vote.
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                   So this is technically the annual
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   meeting for CDF. And since CDF didn't have any tax
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    credits throughout 2016, the annual report is
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    fairly uneventful. We just kind of watched
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    projects move along through construction and
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    measured their impacts, but no new origination
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    activity.
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    your packet for this meeting. It's very similar to
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- 1 the prior year annual reports, just kind of minor
- 2 incremental updates.
- 3 So just a couple highlights.
- 4 The CDF has invested truly in some
- 5 of the most distressed areas of Chicago. Just on
- 6 average, the census tracts where CDF's projects
- 7 fall have median family incomes that are below
- 8 50 percent of the Chicago regional median,
- 9 unemployment rates that are over twice the national
- 10 average, and poverty rates of over 30 percent.
- 11 CDF's \$290 million of investment
- 12 activity to date has leveraged about \$380 million
- 13 of private capital, and provided about \$81.5 million
- 14 of subsidy to the projects.
- Every \$24,000 or so of New Markets
- 16 subsidy is supporting one permanent FTE at those
- 17 projects. And CDF-supported projects serve about
- 18 155,000 clients, the vast majority of them low
- 19 income, per year, with care, education, youth
- 20 enrichment, and other services.
- In addition, the Shops and Lofts at
- 22 47 and Englewood Square projects, which are the two
- 23 grocery deals to date, serve food desert residents,
- 24 over 69,000 residents that were previously in USDA

- 1 food deserts. And CDF's health centers support
- 2 62,000 individual patients, each of whom visits
- 3 about three times a year on average.
- 4 So just some very brief highlights
- 5 from the annual report.
- 6 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Okay. I think when I
- 7 started on this Board, the main focus was grocery
- 8 stores on food deserts. So thus far we've only
- 9 done two.
- Now, what happened to that focus?
- 11 MR. SMITH: It was one of three focuses that
- 12 the Board initially adopted back in 2007. Sc
- 13 definitely grocery stores was one of them;
- 14 industrial expansion and job creation was another;
- 15 and then community facilities, non-profit community
- 16 facilities providing vital services --
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I think there is a more
- 18 practical answer to your question, Chairman, which
- 19 is, number one, we haven't had as many grocery
- 20 stores as we want in qualifying tracts. And,
- 21 number two, we actually have a grocery store that
- 22 we are in the process of working on, we'll bring to
- 23 the Board sooner than later, hopefully.
- 24 MR. SMITH: Correct.

- 1 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: So we will have another
- 2 one lined up. Will we have it by next meeting?
- 3 Because we need it soon.
- 4 MR. SMITH: Hopefully, yes. Yep, that's also
- 5 correct. We would have loved to have more grocery
- 6 deals is also a correct statement.
- 7 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Okay. So I guess -- of
- 8 course, it wouldn't be to you, it would be to the
- 9 Commissioner then: In our negotiations with
- 10 various grocery store chains, which are truly
- 11 falling by the wayside, because they just closed
- 12 Ultra, which was in the 18th ward --
- 13 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I know.
- 14 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: And that was a very large
- 15 grocery store. So it's over five miles for a next
- 16 grocery store in that area. So they will have to
- 17 go to Ford City for the first grocery store. Not --
- 18 you know, they could go to Cicero. Food 4 Less,
- 19 I believe it is? So that's quite a ways from 87th
- 20 and Kedzie.
- 21 So, I mean, that's the reason why
- 22 I'm asking, I need to know for myself too. But
- 23 knowing that they closed Ultra, but they also
- 24 closed the one in the suburbs, which would have

- 1 been my feed-off.
- 2 So with not having as many grocery
- 3 stores to negotiate with, why don't we ever go to
- 4 the smaller grocery store chains?
- 5 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Well, we have been, and
- 6 we've worked with groups like Shop 'n Save, we're
- 7 working with Shop 'n Save in Alderman Hairston's
- 8 ward. It's not in 18, in the area you just
- 9 described. We're working with -- the one we're
- 10 talking about is in the 20th ward.
- So, you know, we'll put it on our
- 12 notes to double back with grocers. They're -- you
- 13 know, our biggest go-to was Mariano's. They're
- 14 extremely -- they're in no growth mode right now.
- 15 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I don't care about them. I
- 16 just -- I do care about those that don't have --
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: That have none in their
- 18 areas.
- 19 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Right. And now they've
- 20 made them a real desert now, especially in 18. So
- 21 that's a hard --
- 22 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: We'll go back and redouble
- 23 our efforts, and go back through our lists again
- 24 and go through each area again and look at how

- 1 we've mapped the food deserts in the past, and see
- 2 if we can redouble efforts again.
- 3 It's not for lack of trying and
- 4 effort. It's one of our primary focuses. Wherever
- 5 we are, when we're talking with retailers, grocers
- 6 are the best anchor possible.
- 7 But, as you point out, it's a
- 8 thinner and thinner group. And we don't want to --
- 9 you know, we talked to Pete's. Pete's will only go
- 10 in certain areas. We've talked to Shop 'n Save,
- 11 we're just trying to get that done. As I said,
- 12 in -- in the 5th ward we have various -- we have a
- 13 certain amount of optimism that Jewel continues to
- 14 expand throughout various neighborhoods in the
- 15 city, like they're doing in 20, that they see --
- 16 they are a traditional Chicago grocer, they see the
- 17 entire city as a market, including --
- 18 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: No, thank you.
- 19 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: I know you have some
- 20 issues with --
- 21 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: They're liars, as far as
- 22 I'm concerned.
- 23 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: We're going to take them
- 24 in 20, though. But we'll --

- 1 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: But there are Food 4
- 2 Lesses, and there are Save-A-Lots. Save-A-Lot is
- 3 under Jewel's umbrella. Those stores can be put in
- 4 some of these places that it's not a vast grocery
- 5 store, but they are a good grocery store chain.
- 6 That's what I'm talking about.
- 7 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: We'll redouble our efforts.
- 8 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Stop trying to go so fast,
- 9 and just listen to me for a second. You keep
- 10 trying to push me off the mark.
- 11 So what I'm saying is that when we
- 12 start networking, let's network to the smaller ones
- 13 as well, not always these big conglomerates that
- 14 come in and just take over Chicago and leave when
- 15 they get ready.
- So if we're talking to the smaller
- 17 ones, that's a big impact. Like what happened to
- 18 Food 4 Less, Ultra, in the 9th ward? They're a
- 19 desert -- now they're even a bigger desert because
- 20 I'm a desert. That's what I'm talking about. We
- 21 need to network with the smaller ones as well.
- 22 And I don't never hear you talking
- 23 about these smaller guys.
- 24 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: The only reason is, is

- 1 because when we try to talk to the smaller guys, we
- 2 get pushback from the aldermen of the wards, and
- 3 they feel that those are --
- 4 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: But there is nobody left.
- 5 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Alderman, I don't disagree
- 6 with you. I'm just telling you, if I brought Food
- 7 4 Less to Alderman Hairston for her site, she would
- 8 not discuss it with me.
- 9 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: And so Shop 'n Save is
- 10 bigger?
- 11 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Shop 'n Save is -- well,
- 12 she has a --
- 13 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: It's still a neighborhood
- 14 grocery store.
- 15 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: She has a different
- 16 perception of them as a different quality. I'm not
- 17 trying to argue with you. We've tried all that.
- 18 It's a perception that --
- 19 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I don't think so.
- 20 ALDERMAN MORENO: Beggars can't be choosers.
- 21 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: What?
- 22 ALDERMAN MORENO: Well, I mean, if you want a
- 23 grocery store, I know, because I talked to Alderman
- 24 Hairston, and she wants a particular type of

- 1 grocery store --
- 2 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Oh, I thought you said
- 3 beggars can't be choosers.
- 4 ALDERMAN MORENO: I did.
- 5 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Who's begging?
- 6 ALDERMAN MORENO: Well, maybe the acronym is
- 7 not right, but, you know, we've -- because I know
- 8 people that worked -- we've tried to work with her
- 9 on a grocery store and a couple other things, and
- 10 she's got a particular grocery store that she wants.
- 11 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: No, I'm not talking just
- 12 about Leslie. I'm talking about others. I'm
- 13 talking about now in 18. I'm still talking about
- 14 34. I'm talking about 9. I'm talking about all of
- 15 us still.
- What happened to the Aldi's, since
- 17 we're begging, at 115th? Which has been vacant for
- 18 I don't know how long.
- 19 Same way with my Jewel. And you
- 20 know I already know we got an issue with Jewel.
- 21 But when somebody close, that make our desert even
- 22 larger. So now we're talking 9, 34, 21, we're even
- 23 bigger. Well, we could use the suburbs. We can't
- 24 even use the suburbs anymore.

Page 47 1 So that's what I'm talking about, if we are using the smaller ones, and still with Jewel 2 owning Save-A-Lot, and the others of Ultra -- not Ultra -- Aldi's, which has become a premier grocery 4 store now. 5 6 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: We can try again, 7 Alderman, and go back again. I'm telling you, the truth is that 8 9 we've gotten resistance from your colleagues where 10 we have been able to do that, and perhaps if we can 11 develop opportunities, you can help us with them as 12 well. 13 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: Well, I think that the only thing is with them, we need to maybe try to ask 14 15 them to change their look. Because that's where 16 my problem comes in. You know, their outward 17 appearance, their curb appeal, because their look 18 is plain as day. 19 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: And just so you understand, in terms of networking, we need more information. 20 21 So I'm not trying to push you off the mark, I just 22 want you to know we do it a lot, and we're seeing 23 resistance.

But when we were in -- we were

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- 1 negotiating with Kroger, who bought Mariano's,
- 2 about a thing -- what was it called, Ruler? Which
- 3 could not communicate in -- you know, we looked at
- 4 it, but, you know, what it communicates is there's
- 5 a certain type of retail -- certain type of grocer
- 6 for some neighborhoods, and that's all you're going
- 7 to get.
- And, frankly, we've been very, very
- 9 concerned about sending the message that, you know,
- 10 when we do things like Whole Foods in Englewood,
- 11 we're trying to send the message that what's good
- 12 enough for the North Side is good enough for the
- 13 South Side is good enough for the West Side, and a
- 14 Ruler is, you know, less-than-quality retail. We
- 15 want their best products, not their worst products.
- 16 They want to do business throughout
- 17 the entire city, we want them to put their best
- 18 products throughout the entire city, not give us,
- 19 you know, for lack of a better term, give us retail
- 20 for poor people in one area and retail for rich
- 21 people in another area. That has not been the
- 22 standard we have been comfortable with.
- 23 But I have no problem trying to talk
- 24 to the smaller grocers again. There's a lot of

- 1 upheaval in the industry too. I mean, people don't
- 2 know what to do now with -- I mean, you know,
- 3 this -- to give again, Kroger, which owns Mariano's
- 4 now, took a \$7 billion loss, and then Amazon
- 5 announced they were buying Whole Foods, and the
- 6 next day they took an additional \$17 billion loss.
- 7 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: I've followed them quite
- 8 closely.
- 9 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: This is what we're trying
- 10 deal with in grocers. So we'll put it on our list
- 11 again --
- 12 ALDERMAN AUSTIN: That's the reason I was
- 13 suggesting the smaller ones, because I follow all
- 14 of them quite closely to know what they're doing.
- 15 And Jewel is -- they are in the same position as
- 16 well.
- 17 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: So we'll go through all of
- 18 our lists again and double back again on some of
- 19 these areas and have our people remap all these
- 20 areas based on the closures, and see if we can try
- 21 to redouble our strategy.
- 22 But that has been the biggest issue
- 23 is that people won't take -- you know, they don't
- 24 want Shop 'n Save anymore -- not Shop 'n Save, but

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   they don't want the other -- they don't want the
   Rulers, they don't want these things that would
  come in there.
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                  And Whole Foods had a 365 product.
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   They're shutting that down. They're not even doing
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   it.
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                   So we'll keep trying.
         ALDERMAN AUSTIN: All right.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Anything else on this
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10 matter?
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         MS. BROWN: Do you need a motion to approve
13 the --
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       MR. SMITH: Yes, if you're ready.
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         MS. BROWN: So move.
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         MS. FIELDS: Second.
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         CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: By Carole Brown, seconded
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   by Budget Director Fields.
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                  Any opposed?
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- 1 Development Fund status update.
- 2 MR. SMITH: All right. Nonvoting item, we'll
- 3 go super quick. Stop me if you have questions.
- 4 So I guess a quick update from the
- 5 last meeting. La Casa Norte, which was approved in
- 6 January, did close on June 27th, so that's now
- 7 under construction.
- 8 Portfolio of that consists of
- 9 22 deals. Earliest deals are now successfully
- 10 unwinding as they reach the end of their seven-year
- 11 compliance period; so essentially CDF leaves the
- 12 subsidy with the project and exits the transaction
- 13 along with the tax credit investor.
- So we have four of those unwinds
- 15 coming up later this year, and then hopefully some
- 16 more closings to talk about next time we meet.
- 17 Updated map, which I won't go
- 18 through, but it's in your packet, of transactions
- 19 by location to date for CDF.
- 20 And then as far as construction
- 21 status updates, so all the projects that were
- 22 financed in 2015 and previously are substantially
- 23 complete and operational.
- So the most recent grand opening

- 1 Chicago Center for Arts and Technology, or Chi-CAT,
- 2 which is a job training facility in the IMD at 13th
- 3 and Paulina.
- 4 And then Casa Norte, as I mentioned,
- 5 is now starting construction. They're anticipating
- 6 completing in July 2018.
- 7 I guess, just a quick skipping ahead
- 8 to timing and upcoming dates. So, as I mentioned,
- 9 August 18th is the deadline for finalizing
- 10 qualified equity investments to meet that
- 11 30 percent threshold, so thank you for your vote
- 12 today, which will make that possible.
- 13 And then Treasury is indicating but
- 14 not committing that Q1 of 2018 will be the likely
- 15 time frame for a next award. In the meantime, the
- 16 tax code may be completely overhauled, so the whole
- 17 program may be extended, threatened, restructured,
- 18 who knows.
- 19 MS. KOTAK: And one quick note on that.
- 20 We've been in kind of regular communication with
- 21 our D.C. office, so Christine Koronides in D.C. is
- 22 aware of the application. We've been talking with
- 23 Treasury over the last three or four years about
- 24 changes we want to continue to make with the

Page 53 program, they've been open to them, and some of their actual new application reflects that, 2 including having us have less that has to be preallocated, because deals that are tougher in neighborhoods that are struggling more take longer 5 time. So this push to get all your money out right 6 7 away doesn't incentivize those deals that take more time. So we've been doing that, and that work 8 continues. 10 MR. SMITH: Right. That's it. 11 12 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: That does not need a vocal 13 vote? 14 MR. SMITH: No. 15 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Okay. Any other discussion? 16 ALDERMAN MORENO: Move we adjourn. 17 MS. FIELDS: Second. 18 CHAIRMAN REIFMAN: Moved by Chairman Moreno, 19 seconded by Budget Director Fields. 20 All in favor? 21 (Chorus of ayes.) 22 We're adjourned. 23 (The hearing was adjourned at 24 10:52 a.m.)

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